



Common Core Resources for Educators

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Resources for Understanding the Common Core

- The Official Common Core Website
<http://www.corestandards.org/>
- Myths about the Common Core
<http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/myths-vs-facts>
- Sign Up to Get a Bi-Weekly Newsletter from the Chief Council of Officers
http://programs.ccsso.org/iccs/iccs_subscribe.html
- Common Core Standards: Making the CCSS Practical <http://commoncorestandards.com/>
 - filled with useful information about all things Common Core
 - *Download (for email address) a free tool to evaluate CCSS text
- Common Core State Standards for School Leaders <http://www.scoop.it/t/common-core-state-standards>
 - A Scoop.it! site that is filled with resources compiled from around the web
 - I find this site extremely useful – includes a variety of sources you can scan at a glance.
- CCSS E/LA Implementation Resources – by the Sullivan County BOCES, New York
<http://www.scbores.org/Page/664>

Articles About the Common Core

- Does the Common Core Matter? – Education Week
http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2012/04/18/28loveless_ep.h31.html?tkn=VWOF28Ki6ldEqAPhPSSqAP85ha2E4XD5pLgi&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2
- What Common Core State Standards ARE and Aren't by Valerie Strauss – Washington Post
<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/national-standards/what-the-common-core-standards.html>
- 4 Myths About the Common Core E/LA Standards by Dina Strasser and Cheryl Dobbertin - Education Week
http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2012/07/10/tln_strasserdobbertin.html?tkn=SRWF0kZ%2FhojAvTz6K2vS5iUIQ5hoSPvvblWB&cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS1
- Common Core Confusion by David Cohen– ASCD Edition
<http://accomplishedcaliforniateachers.wordpress.com/2011/03/26/common-core-confusion-ascd-edition/>
- Always Prepped Blog <http://blog.alwaysprepped.com/common-core-resources/>

- The Promise of the Common Core – EdNET <http://www.ednetinsight.com/news-alerts/voice-from-the-field/the-promise-of-the-common-core-.html>
- 3-Part Blog Series on the E/LA Standards by Brenda Overturf – Edutopia
 1. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-1-virginia-goatley>
 2. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-2-virginia-goatley>
 3. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-3-virginia-goatley>
- Persuasive Writing is a Key Focus of the Common Core Standards – Edutopia <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-standards-persuasive-writing-heather-wolpert-gawron>
- Common Core Discussions on Edutopia http://www.edutopia.org/search/apachesolr_search/Common%20Core?filters=type%3Adiscussion&fxAccordion%3Ablocks-sidebar-accordion=block-menu-menu-naturemap-articles
- Common Core & English Language Learners <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2011/08/03/the-best-resources-for-learning-about-common-core-standards-english-language-learners/>

ASCD Resources

- A list of all their Common Core resources <http://www.ascd.org/common-core-state-standards/common-core.aspx>
- Common Core Newsletter from ASCD <http://survey.ascd.org/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86MII96>

Videos etc.

- **The Teaching Channel** has over 100 videos about the Common Core. Many are excellent and range from broad topics to specific lesson plans based on standards. <https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?q=common+core>
- **Hunt Institute** <http://www.hunt-institute.org/> The Institute has developed both white papers and videos – all accessible and easy to digest.

Guide for Videos

http://www.huntinstitute.org/elements/media/files/CCSS_Video_User_Guide_FINAL_for_upload.pdf

- Overview of the Common Core E/LA (Awareness Level)
 - A really informative Prezi that provides a great overview of the Common Core and the shifts in standards and expectations

<http://prezi.com/shv1e-ig9oqr/introducing-the-common-core-ela/>

P21 Toolkit for the Common Core

- The Partnership for 21st Century Skills has developed a 48-page guide free and available for download.

<http://www.p21.org/tools-and-resources/publications/p21-common-core-toolkit>

More Resources, Shared Lessons & More

- The Common Core Standards in kid-friendly terms (handy if you need to post standards)
<http://omsd.omsd.k12.ca.us/departments/lss/standards/Pages/standards.aspx>

- A great resource where teachers can share lesson based on the common core standards.
<http://www.sharemylesson.com/>

K-2 E/LA Lessons <http://www.sharemylesson.com/early-elementary-english-language-arts-teaching-resources/>

6-12 E/LA Exemplar Lessons <http://www.sharemylesson.com/article.aspx?storyCode=50005563>

K-8 Math Exemplar Lessons <http://www.sharemylesson.com/article.aspx?storyCode=50003209>

- Common Core Comics – For Kids

<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids/2012/11/01/common-core-comics/>

Forums & Communities

- Common Core Forum (searchable)
<http://community.sharemylesson.com/forums/130.aspx>
- Common Core Conversation *Lots of resources & an opportunity to join with other educators around the CC*
<http://www.commoncoreconversation.com/>

ASSESSMENT – 2 Groups

- **2 Key PDFs (really helpful!) – Overviews of Assessments**
 - PARCC http://www.k12center.org/rsc/pdf/parcc_system.pdf
 - SBAC http://www.k12center.org/rsc/pdf/SBAC_System_5-2-11.pdf

- **Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC)**

CCSS Assessment <http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-assessment>

CCSS Implementation <http://www.parcconline.org/implementation>

In the Classroom <http://www.parcconline.org/classroom>

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)** <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

Twitter Feeds*

#commoncore

#ccsschat

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*For those unfamiliar with using hashtags, simply type the hashtag, e.g. #commoncore, in “Search” and a feed of all the tweets associated with the common core will be compiled. If you use a tool like “Hootsuite” you can add a stream to your feeds. You can find lots of resources, webinars, and links to articles using the #commoncore stream.